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Credentials of representatives to the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Report of the Credentials Committee

Acting Chair: Ms. Natalie **Morris-Sharma** (Singapore)

1. On 8 June 2015, the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed a credentials committee consisting of the following nine States parties: Albania, Barbados, Cyprus, Iceland, Italy, Kenya, Madagascar, Paraguay and Singapore.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 10 June 2015, and elected James Ndirangu Waweru (Kenya) as Chair by acclamation. At the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting, in view of the absence of Mr. Waweru, the Committee elected by acclamation Natalie Morris-Sharma (Singapore) to serve as Acting Chair.

3. The Committee met on 15 January 2016 and considered a memorandum provided by the Secretariat, dated 15 January 2016, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting.

4. In its deliberations, the Committee recalled the decision of the Meeting to consider all the credentials approved by the Meeting to be valid until the termination of the twenty-fifth Meeting in accordance with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties (see SPLOS/287, para. 13).

5. As noted in the memorandum, following the approval of the report of the Credentials Committee (SPLOS/285), the Secretariat received formal credentials for the representatives of the following 13 participating States: Algeria, Brunei Darussalam, Ghana, Kuwait, Lebanon, Maldives, Namibia, Qatar, Serbia, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago and United Republic of Tanzania. Information concerning the appointment of representatives was also received from the following 3 participating States: Bahamas, Cook Islands and Equatorial Guinea. According to practice, that information was reflected in the report of the twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties (see SPLOS/287, footnote 10).

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6. As further noted in the memorandum, following the issuance of the report of the twenty-fifth Meeting, amended formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them have been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following eight participating States: Algeria, Brunei Darussalam, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, Iceland, Lebanon and Sweden.

7. In addition, new formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them have been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of Malawi.

8. Also, as indicated in the memorandum, amended information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting has been communicated by Mauritius.

9. Further, as stated in the memorandum, prior to the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting, new information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting has been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices by the following nine States participating in the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting: Belize, Fiji, Grenada, Guinea, Haiti, Mongolia, Niger, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Solomon Islands.

10. Therefore, according to the memorandum, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them have been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 95 participating States: Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, State of Palestine, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Viet Nam.

11. As noted in the same memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, had been received for the following 50 States participating in the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting: Albania, Armenia, Bahamas, Belize, Benin, Cabo Verde, Chile, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Gambia, Georgia, Granada, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Liberia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria,

Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Swaziland, Timor-Leste, Togo, Ukraine, Vanuatu and Zimbabwe.

12. Information concerning the appointment of representatives had also been received from the delegation of the European Union to the United Nations (see SPLOS/287, paras. 12 and 13 as read in connection with SPLOS/285, para. 6).

13. The Committee accepted the new and amended formal credentials and the new and amended communications received after the issuance of its report at the twenty-fifth Meeting in June 2015. That was done on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 11 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible, and bearing in mind the need for the Meeting to approve the new and amended formal credentials and new and amended information on an exceptional basis, particularly for the purposes of elections.

14. The Acting Chair proposed that the Committee recommend to the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 16 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

15. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

16. The Credentials Committee recommends to the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

Recalls the decision taken at its twenty-fifth Meeting to approve the report of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that the credentials would continue to be valid until the termination of the twenty-fifth Meeting in accordance with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties,

Approves the addendum to the report of the Credentials Committee and accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned noted therein on the understanding that the credentials of the representatives to the resumed twenty-fifth Meeting will continue to be valid until the termination of the twenty-fifth Meeting in accordance with rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties.